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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1213; A-636B)

In re Application of: Saris et al.)
Serial No.: 09/724,583) Before the Examiner: P.M. Mertz
Filed: November 28, 2000) Group Art Unit: 1646
For: Nucleic Acids Encoding)
Interleukin-1 Receptor Antagonist-)
Related Proteins and Uses Thereof)

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 7, 2003

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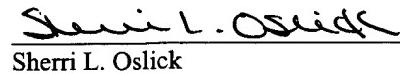
Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present a complete listing of the claims, including marked up versions of all currently amended claims, at pages 2-5.

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